

LUMPKIN COUNTY WATER AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

BOARD MEETING

August 25, 2015

Lumpkin County Administration Building Conference Room

Members in attendance: Murl Jones, Charles Trammell, John Gaston, Rhett Stringer, C. L. Grizzle

Others in attendance: Sean Phipps, Dee Harris, Joy Edelberg, Bruce Hoffman

Call to order: Chairman Murl Jones call the meeting to order at 2:04 pm

**Approval of Agenda:** No executive session. Left on inadvertently. Charles Trammell. Second: Rhett Stringer. Motion carried unanimously.

**July 21, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes: Charles Trammell. Second: Rhett Stringer. Motion carried unanimously.

**Financials:** Director Sean Phipps presented financial reports for July. Motion to accept June financial reports: Charles Trammell. Second: Rhett Stringer. Motion carried unanimously.

**Camelot Water Line Extension** –6 contractors presented bids; one was eliminated as incomplete. Apparent low bidder is Griffin Brothers. Three lowest bids are within 1.5%. Lowest bid is still over budget for the project. Funds available are \$560,000. DCA administration fee is \$30,000, engineering fees \$30,000 leaving approximately \$500,000 for construction. Plans are being reviewed to determine areas to cut the project. Fire hydrant at Red Oak Flats has been cut saving \$30,000. Another fire hydrant was planned for entrance to Shenandoah S/D. Members discussed the benefit of spending \$30,000 for the Shenandoah hydrant. Members want to keep as close to budget as possible so the Shenandoah hydrant will be removed. Final construction funds needed are approximately \$573,000. Authority still has a funding shortfall of \$73,000. Sean recommended approaching the BOC and asking to use \$73,000 of the SPLOST funds pledged for the 400 Water System Looping Project. Since that project is a longer term project the authority will have time to replenish Renewal & Extension account before the payments become due on GEFA loan for storage tank.

Motion to eliminate fire hydrant at Red Oak Flat road and extension of project past original end at Galahad Road: Charles Trammell. Second: Rhett Stringer. Motion carried.

Members will determine timing on award of contract once funding decisions are made.

**Stonehenge** – need to re-assess this project until all funds are identified for both projects. Sean explained the plan was for enclosing building and storage tank behind privacy fence but may be more cost efficient to building new building.

**Arcadia at Pet Goods building** – Arcadia has asked for consideration on base rate for 2” meter as their needs for the temporary building do not require a 2” meter. Would like to be billed for 1” meter. Sean noted bond covenants may prohibit adjusting rates. Attorney Edelberg concurred. Members discussed alternatives but concluded that the authority is bound by bond.

#### **Director’s report**

Chairman Murl Jones asked about the 400 Production well. Sean reported the well is back on line with efficiencies and safety measures to prevent another incident. Charles Trammell asked how much of the repairs were under warranty. Sean explained the engineers and/or contractors are responsible for putting the building back where it was. Changes or improvements to the original well have not been billed.

Elevated storage tank project is in due diligence period. Member John Gaston has marked the northern boundary. Johnny Trammell is cutting a road. Adjacent property owner, David Stancil, has concerns about the tank being so close to his home. Asked if it could be moved further away from his home. Sean explained that there isn’t another suitable location on the church property.

Motion to adjourn. Charles Trammell. Meeting adjourned by Chairman Murl Jones at 3:15pm.

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Approved